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DIV. OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL
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Dear Mrs. Felty:

I am writing in response to your letter of April 8, 1979, relative to the siting of a hazardous waste incinerator in Bullitt County, Kentucky. I understand and appreciate your concern but I can assure you that any facility located there would have to be operated in an environmentally sound manner. There are several reasons why both EPA and this department feel that incineration offers a safe solution to the disposal of the categories of hazardous waste now located on that site.

Of primary importance is the need to adequately address the problem that presently exists at the so-called "Valley of the Drums." That is, we are faced with not only the present problem of on-site containment of these wastes, but also a plan must be developed and executed to safely dispose of the drums of waste of the site, because disposal is the only long-term solution. The alternative, namely, leaving the drums there eventually to disintegrate and the contents escape the site, is environmentally unacceptable. Federal EPA and this department believe that the best option that can be used to effect a long-term solution for what is essentially paint wastes is incineration which destroys the wastes completely. A chemical waste incinerator is designed so as to meet all air pollution control standards, therefore, the design precludes the release of hazardous substances to the environment. In addition, no toxic substances can or would be permitted to be burned in such a facility.

The safe operation of the facility is further assured by constant monitoring of the waste materials to be incinerated. At the Bullitt County site, we would not intend to allow burning of any materials that have not been analyzed by laboratory techniques. We cannot do otherwise, because it would be in violation of air quality regulations.



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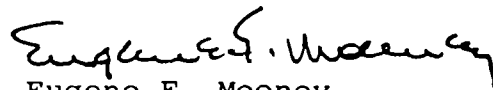
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Further, in order to deal with present problems and to prevent future occurrence Governor Julian M. Carroll has requested that we propose regulations that will control all aspects of hazardous waste from generation to disposal. These regulations will include a "cradle to grave" tracking system that specifies a monitoring and manifest system to identify the contents of all hazardous waste containers. The enforcement provisions for this system will be very stringent. The Governor is deeply concerned about this matter and has requested that we give it the highest priority and we expect to propose these regulations in a few weeks.

I hope that I have addressed your concerns. However, if you have any questions, please contact me or Bert Roark, Commissioner of the Bureau of Environmental Protection.

Sincerely,


Eugene F. Mooney
Secretary

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